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### MEMORANDUM

TO: All Retirement Boards

FROM: Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director

RE: Update on Repeal of G.L. c. 32, § 5(1)(e) – Spousal retirement provision

DATE: October 24, 2003

The Legislature has overridden the Governor's veto of an extension of the time to file for retirement under G.L. c. 32, § 5(1)(e), the so-called spousal retirement provision. Under this Act, the repeal of the provision, which allows any member who is married to a retiree can retire as if he or she was age 55, takes effect **November 1, 2003**. As a result, any member wishing to retire under this provision has only until October 31, 2003 to do so.

Boards should immediately make all efforts to notify the membership of this impending deadline. Given the extremely short time frame, boards should provide a copy of this memorandum to all department heads for distribution and posting in areas frequented by members.

We trust the foregoing is of assistance. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact this office.